

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Bottled Drinking Water
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether unlicensed and poor quality bottled drinking mineral water is being sold in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and number of complaints received during each of the last three years along with the action taken against the defaulters;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated norms for bottled drinking water;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to standardise the production and ensure supply of good quality bottled drinking water in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): As per Regulation 2.3.14 (17) & (18) of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on sales) Regulations, 2011, no person can manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale packaged drinking water and mineral water except under the Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Mark. However, reports about some Food Business Operators/ manufacturing selling packaged drinking water without Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)/Bureau of Indian Standards certification mark have come to notice. As per information made available by State/UT Governments to FSSAI, the number of samples of packaged drinking water and mineral water collected, tested, found not conforming (including unlicensed) and action taken during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 is at Annexure-I and II.

(c) & (d): The Standards of mineral water and packaged drinking water have been prescribed under Regulation 2.10.7 and 2.10.8 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.

(e): The implementation and enforcement of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and regulations thereunder primarily rests with the State/ UT Governments. Surveillance, monitoring, inspection and random sampling of food products including packaged drinking water is undertaken by the officials of Food Safety Departments of the respective States/ UTs to check compliance of the standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and the regulations thereunder. In cases, where the food samples are found to be non-conforming to the prescribed standards, recourse is taken to penal provisions under Chapter IX of the FSS Act, 2006.